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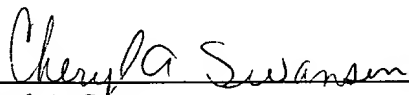
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Applicant hereby submits the following submission in this case as a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This submission consists of an amendment and request for reconsideration and is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2005. This Request for Continued Examination is appropriate because:

- i) this request is made prior to payment of the issue fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(1)];
- ii) the application has not been abandoned [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(2)];
- iii) no notice of appeal has been filed [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(3)];
- iv) prosecution on the application is closed by either a final action or issuance of a notice of allowance [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)];
- v) this application is not a provisional application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(1)];
- vi) this is not a utility patent application filed before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(2)];

- vii) this application is not an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 363 before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(3)];
- viii) this application is not a design patent application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(4)]; and
- ix) this is not a patent under reexamination [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(5)].

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

This Request for Continued Examination also includes a response to the office communication mailed May 13, 2005. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set, making a response to this action due on or by August 13, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a petition for extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for three months to and including November 14, 2005 (as November 13, 2005 was a Sunday) along with the appropriate fee. The Applicant submits this request for reconsideration to fully address the Office's May 13, 2005 action.